



**MARCH 2004**

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**March is Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI) Program Month** (Excerpt from McNeely, Pigott & Fox)

**Q&A: Interview with SAVI Program Manager Julia Powell**

What is SAVI, how does it work, and what can service members do to keep our Navy safe? For answers to these and other questions, read this interview with SAVI Program Manager Julia Powell of Navy Personnel Command Fleet and Family Support Division.

**Is sexual assault a serious problem for the military?**

No more so than in the civilian sector. However, any sexual assault is serious and must be responded to in a victim-sensitive, coordinated manner. The Navy's SAVI program was established to do that.

**What does SAVI do for the victims?**

SAVI doesn't duplicate services that already exist - the medical, the investigative and the

legal. What SAVI does is make sure all those pieces fit together. SAVI provides victims information and assistance with regard to the role of key responders and their responsibilities. SAVI personnel take time with the victim; they don't hand them a pamphlet and say "here are your rights," but actually make sure they have the necessary information to make informed decisions. SAVI is not an investigative vehicle. We focus on the victim, not the offender. We make every effort to keep the victim's identity confidential. One of SAVI's main goals is to avoid revictimization of a victim following sexual assault.

**What should service members know about this issue?**

Everyone is a potential victim-male and female, all ages and all economic levels. SAVI promotes awareness - how to take care of yourself and then how to take care of others - because in the Navy we're all shipmates.

### **Annual Retired Activities Seminar**

The Fleet and Family Support Center will host the Annual Retired Activities Seminar on 17 April 2004. This year's seminar will be held at the Naval Support Activity Mid-South Conference Center from 0900 - 1230.

There will be guest speakers from:  
TRICARE for Life  
TRICARE for Under 65  
TRICARE Retiree Dental  
Retired Activities Office

Information tables will be available from:  
Retired Activities Office  
Health Benefits Office  
Navy Exchange  
Navy Inns  
Burial Detail  
And many more

Join us this year and receive the latest information concerning military retirees. **NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY!**

### **Fleet and Family Support Center**

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### **Transition Assistance**

**Program (TAP)** provides information and assistance to all retiring and separating members regarding pre-separation counseling, employment, relocation and veteran's benefits. Military members and their spouses are encouraged to attend a TAP seminar as soon as possible prior to their scheduled separation or retirement date. See your Command Career Counselor to register.

### **2003 - 2004 TAP SCHEDULE**

March	2 - 6	(Exec)
April	1 - 5	(Exec)
May	3 - 7	
June	7 - 11	(Exec)
July	12 - 16	(Exec)
August	2 - 6	
September	13 - 17	(Exec)
October	4 - 8	(Exec)
November	1 - 5	
December	6 - 10	(Exec)

### **FLEET AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER**

**Classes and workshops are free; however, registration is necessary. Call 874-5075 to register.**

**SPRING BEGINS SATURDAY, MARCH 20**